

MIGHT STEAL HIS PROPERTY

NOT A GOOD CHANGE IN CHATTEL MORTGAGE LAW.

May Fight Shy of Loans on Chattel Mortgage Security.

Under the old chattel mortgage law when the instrument was recorded, or filed, it became a lien upon the property mortgaged, and the party taking the property out of the county to defend the lien became a law-breaker and was subject to punishment and the mortgagee could follow the property and take it wherever he found it. Under the new law, if the property is removed from the county the lien ceases from and after three days from the time of removal, unless within said thirty days the mortgage shall be recorded in the county to which the property was removed. Suppose mortgaged personal property is removed from the county and secreted, or placed in some other county where it is difficult to find, and the mortgagee does not know in what county it is necessary for him to preserve his lien. In such event he would have to record his mortgage in every county in the state, paying the extraordinary large fees therefor named at another time in this paper, or take chances on losing his lien. There is positively not a single feature of merit in the new chattel mortgage law. Its purpose can perform only one object, which is to destroy the business heretofore done under chattel mortgage security. The legislative tinkering with laws, which cannot by occupation or knowledge comprehend, is about the worst business in many instances to what little business the country has left.

PROGRESS IN LUMBERING.

"Young Bloods" Not Satisfied with Timber Conditions.

Many investments have been made by Eastern people in timber lands in Oregon and Washington within the past year or two. A number of men from Michigan have been looking over Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon, but have found nothing to suit them. Some of these latter can hardly be considered practical lumbermen. They are the sons of men who have become wealthy in lumbering, but who have themselves graduated from universities instead of sawmills. They had apparently forgotten that there are others in the lumbering business who have been logging, manufacturing lumber and buying timber land in this region for years, and that the timber lands along rivers and in places easily accessible have long since been bought up and probably the logs cut off. Logging railroads are a necessity now where good timber land is left, and year by year they will be extended. There are tributaries to the Columbia and along Puget Sound vast areas of the best timber. The lumber business of the Pacific Northwest is large, and is rapidly increasing, especially on the Columbia river. Portland has within the past few years become the greatest lumber producing and shipping point on the coast, and yet the business is only in its infancy here. Expert lumbermen say that, allowing for all probable increase in the lumber business here, there is enough timber tributary to the Columbia river to last 200 years, and the supply is about as large on Puget Sound.—Oregonian.

POLONA IS COMING.

Talented Young Musician to Perform in St. Helens.

Paloma, the world wonder child pianist and musician, is to perform at the Methodist church in this city tomorrow (Saturday) evening. This fact gives to the people of this city and the surrounding country an opportunity of a lifetime, and one which should be taken advantage of. Of the young lady's ability as a musician the Sacramento, (Cal.) Record-Union, of October 13, 1900, said: "Paloma Schramm, the California child genius, a musical wonder, gifted with a marvelous skill and power, appeared in concert again last evening in this city, after two years' absence, and the lovely little eleven-year-old girl was assisted by her sister, Karla, aged nine, who, by the way, promises to be something of a phenomenon also. The audience last night was more than charmed, it was delighted. Paloma is a delightful entertainer. Her ease, artlessness, her childlike freedom and winning manner put the audience at ease and into close relationship with her from the outset. Through a long and exacting program of numbers of her own composition and those of the masters she played, without a note before her, with precision, delicacy of vigor, as the themes demanded, and with a fine taste and a beautiful singing quality in her tone."

WILL ABANDON FERRY.

Northern Pacific to Bridge River at Vancouver.

Plans are now being prepared for a modern steel bridge to cost \$1,250,000 to be built probably at Vancouver by the Northern Pacific railroad, the object being to discontinue the ferry in operation between Goble and Kalama. A corps of engineers is now in the field planning the necessary changes in the road bed to meet all the requirements. According to rumors current in railroad circles the original plan contemplated the location of the bridge below the mouth of the Willamette, but Portland citizens' strenuous objections and other locations higher up were investigated. It is thought that the decision to locate the bridge at Vancouver indicates that the Northern Pacific and Washington and Oregon lines will work together. The last named is supposed to be backed by the Great Northern, Union Pacific, and will be extended from Portland north to the Nisqually coal fields.

To Buy Asher Cattle.

Mr. M. Collins, foreman and manager of the Honeyman farm, near Warren, started for the East on Thursday last week to purchase a carload of Asher cattle for the farm. Mr. Collins will visit Wisconsin, Ohio and Pennsylvania stock farms, and in case he is unable to find what he wants he will extend his trip into Canada. He expected to be absent about six weeks.

SERMON FROM THE HILLS.

Correspondent Moralizes on Things in General.

"Two wrongs never make a right." The idea of trying to "get even with the other fellow" because of some real or fancied wrong is deleterious both to the community and to the individual. Spite work is beneath the dignity of intelligent, moral people. Perhaps in the days of friendship confidences have been exchanged and shame to the one that goes back on that trust. If by superiority of brain work, or more diligent attention to business, his neighbor prospers, do not spend any shoe leather or waste any precious breath, which should be spent for better purposes, trying to shut off any of the avenues that bring him a recompense

THE SISTER COUNTY SUBMITS

ACKNOWLEDGES THE LOSS OF THE "ELEVEN SECTIONS."

It is Not Necessary for the Records to be Transcribed.

For several years Washington and Columbia counties have been playing tag with the sheriff's office, in the matter of the eleven sections of land along the north boundary of this county. Two years ago the legislature cut off the eleven sections, then in Columbia, and passed them over to Washington county, where the settlers wanted to go. This county paid about \$100 to have the records of the lands sent over here, and for weeks there was recording galore in the recorder's office. When the Columbia county delegation went home there was a war. Since February 25th Columbia county has had the eleven sections, and the legislature defined the boundary of Columbia county and cut the eleven sections out of Washington county and again made them a part of Columbia. The tax in the whole eleven sections might not aggregate \$100. Columbia county will not original records are there. This county is the one that is out and the next legislature may define Washington county's boundary, and if so, the eleven sections may be recovered again—but Columbia will be "on guard." It is stated that the settlers thereon earnestly desire to be a part of us, and if this is the case they should be considered.—Hillsboro Argus.

Teachers' Examination.

The April examination of teachers is now in progress at the court house in this city, under the personal supervision of Superintendent Copeland, assisted by Mrs. S. S. Way and Mrs. Hatfield, of Vernonia. There is an unusually large class in attendance, as follows: Elsa Dunn, of Mist; Ella G. McDonough, of Holbrook; Gertrude Vollans of Scappoose; Estelle Robbins, of McCoy; Daisy L. Ewing, of St. Helens; Hilda Shatto, of Rainier; Daisy Watkins, of St. Helens; Lois Perry, of Rainier; Ruth M. Little, of Houlton; Lizzie Early, of Vernonia; Lena Tucker, of Vernonia; W. A. Hall, of Clatskanie; Charles G. DeLena, of Watson Philbrook, of Houlton.

City Affairs.

The new members of the city council have been duly sworn in office, and have also been the recorder, treasurer and marshal. One member of the council chosen by the electors, being not eligible, failed to qualify, and the council chose in his place Mr. W. W. Blakeley. The city is practically out of debt and there will likely be some extensive and needed improvements made during the summer. One thing very much needed is a new horse cart and several hundred feet of new hose, a fact which the council appreciates and one upon which that body will certainly act without delay. There was some very valuable street improvements accomplished last year, and no doubt there will be more improvements in that line this summer. A sewer system is also a much needed improvement, and it is not at all unlikely that an effort will be made to put in such a system in the near future.

Scappoose Items.

Bibby Bros. have a new sidewalk. Did you get April fooled? Ask Mr. Buschman. Bessie Johnson left Scappoose for Aberdeen last Monday. Mrs. Leonard made a trip to Winlock Saturday, returning Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jared West were Portland visitors one last week. The Sunday school at the Congregational church last Sunday, was well attended. D. W. Price's children, who have been sick with the measles, are now able to be around again. Miss Maud Watts, of Forest Grove, spent a few days last week with her parents at this place. The surprise party given at Mr. Buschman's last week, was well attended and a merry time is reported by all. Mr. Stephen Haines died at his home Friday night, after only a few days' illness. The funeral was held at the M. E. church last Sunday and was well attended. The bereaved family have our deepest sympathy. Rev. C. E. Philbrook will preach at Deer Island next Sunday at 11 o'clock and at St. Helens at 8 p. m. School Clerk Blanchard, of Rainier, was in town last Friday attending to business with the county treasurer. Mrs. Dow was down from Oak Island Thursday evening of last week, to attend the meeting of the Rathbone Sisters. Mrs. T. C. Watts, of Reuben, was in this city Tuesday en route home from Portland, where she spent Easter Sunday.

Miss Maud Decker, who is governess in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Dow, of Oak Island, spent last Sunday in this city. Miss Grace Miles returned Monday evening from Portland, where she visited friends and relatives for two or three weeks. Judge Moreland, of Portland, and Harry West, of Scappoose, were in the county seat last Saturday attending to legal matters. Mrs. A. J. Robert, sr., who has spent several months visiting relatives in San Francisco, returned to her home in this city last Friday evening. Mr. J. W. Charlton and mother and sister have removed from this city to the wood company's camp, where Mr. Charlton will be employed for the summer. Buy your groceries, dry goods, hardware, crockery, leather goods, feed, flour, seeds, etc., at Collins & Gray's, the largest general merchandise store in Columbia county. Jesse Hendricks was in from Peria Wednesday morning to interview the dentist in regard to a troublesome molar, which had been making life miserable for him for some time. Yes, spring seems to have ventured to show itself at last. Easter was a pleasant day and the weather since has been on its best behavior, greatly to the satisfaction of everything and everybody.

POLL TAX IS NOW \$4.00

Is to be Collected Now by the Road Supervisor.

Every male inhabitant of this state between the ages of 21 and 60 years is now liable for the payment of \$4 poll tax. At the recent session of the legislature an act was passed providing for a \$3 road poll tax, and the general poll tax of \$1 is still in force, so District Attorney Chamberlain of Multnomah county, states in a letter to the county assessor. The former road poll tax was \$2, but little of it was ever collected

except in the country districts, and the \$1 poll tax was collected by the sheriff from but few. The \$3 road poll is collectible by the road supervisors, to be expended by them under the direction of the county court in keeping the roads in repair. They are required to report quarterly or monthly, an itemized account of all moneys expended, and are also required to give bonds. The county clerk shall, on or before the first Monday of April, 1901, and the first Monday of February, annually thereafter, deliver to each road supervisor, road poll tax receipts. Road poll tax may be worked out of the county court may provide for the payment of all road poll taxes in cash. The law contains the emergency clause, and was approved by the governor February 25.

Miss Daisy Watkins has been excused from teaching in our school, the two rooms consolidated under Miss Finley's supervision and Miss Watkins will take charge of the Columbia City school next Monday.

We direct the attention of our readers this week to the directory of the county school officials which appears elsewhere. This table contains valuable information for present and future use, and should be carefully laid aside for reference.

Russell's big vaudeville circus, direct from Chicago, Monday night. She had been on the ways, undergoing repairs from injuries sustained in a collision a short time ago, and was launched Monday, that night sinking in twelve feet of water, the cause of which remains a mystery.

Keasey Notes.

No news from Keasey this week, but along through the valley and over the heights comes the news from Vernonia that a grand no license ticket has been elected. The moral atmosphere is healthful and the remark of one of her citizens was: "We are proud of our young men." If there are any who desire the establishment of a saloon in order to know where to look for their boys, better build a callbox and have a clock set, and are glad that Vernonia has their full quota according to its number of inhabitants and perhaps more. Let other and more influential cities follow her example and vote "no rum, ruin nor rags."

LIQUOR QUESTION IN FOREST GROVE.

Judge McBride Holds Liquor Clause in Deeds is Valid.

Judge McBride, so far as his court is concerned, has practically settled the question of Forest Grove having a regularly licensed saloon. This matter has been one of considerable interest and there are now several cases in the court where suit has been instituted against the sale of liquors on the premises originally deeded by the University. These cases were a result of agitation for licensed saloons. The University wants no saloon and is pushing cases for reversion in order to test the clause restricting liquor sales, which all their deeds contain. The Judge's decision came about in the case of A. B. Thompson, Lela O. McMalone. Thompson asked for a warranty deed, under his contract, or a rebate on the purchase price, alleging that the liquor clause restriction was an encumbrance. His Honor held that the restriction clause was valid, but he would not yet decide whether the lot or the restriction was an encumbrance.

Mr. Hex Caples, of Caples landing, was in St. Helens Monday attending to business matters. Mr. Caples stopped at our office long enough to remark that the people of his school district were well pleased with the service Miss Lela George is giving in her capacity as instructor. Mrs. Dr. Yeargain, who died in San Francisco Sunday last, was one of the fourteen children of the late Dr. James McBride, who crossed the plains to Oregon in 1846, and settled in Yamhill county, and late in life moved to St. Helens. All these children lived to be grown, and nine of them still survive, the youngest being Senator Geo. W. McBride.

No lover of music can afford to miss hearing the talented Paloma, who with her sister Karla, will give a piano recital at the Methodist church in this city tomorrow (Saturday) evening. These young ladies are not prodigies, they are genuine musicians who are possessed of an unusual amount of talent, and have an established reputation in Europe as well as America.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Fitzgerald, of Vernonia, who have spent the winter in California, returned to Portland last week, and expect to soon be able to return to their home on Rock creek.

Meers, Wallace and Moyer have opened the St. Helens hotel to the public. Their advertisement appears in this issue. They expect to run the hotel in connection with their first contemplated business of dealing in musical instruments.

Alfred Sundby is critically ill at the home of Dr. Cliff with pneumonia.

Paloma and Karla, who will appear at the Methodist church tomorrow (Saturday) evening, will bring their own piano, and if possible, two pianos will be used for the concert.

Rev. Mr. Breck will conduct services at the Episcopal church next Sunday evening at 7:45. The piano recital of Mrs. Jones' class in music, to have taken place Thursday evening has been indefinitely postponed.

Falsely Criticized.

Our esteemed Washington exchange, the Olympia Chronicle, says: "Every column in a newspaper contains ten to twelve thousand distinct pieces of metal, displacement of one of which cause a blunder or typographical error. And yet some people claim great smartness if they can find an error in a newspaper. When some people find a word with a wrong letter in it, or a misplaced letter, they are sure they could have spelled that word right, and they are happy for a whole day, and go around and tell how the editor misspelled a word."

THE COURT HOUSE MEETING

MEMBERS OF COURT HEARD ARGUMENT PRO AND CON.

Definite Conclusions by Members at Subsequent Time.

Of the meeting held at the court house on Tuesday of this week by the citizens and taxpayers, when were present the members of the county court, to consider the matter of the erection of a new court house, not a great deal can be said for the reason that not a great deal was done. There seems to be but a lukewarm interest in the matter, and if it were ours to do we would take it for granted that a great majority of the people of the county were in favor of the erection of a new court building, or were indifferent regarding what is done in the matter.

Mr. N. Merrill, of Clatskanie, was present as the representative of the people of that particular portion of the county, and with him he brought and presented to the meeting petitions signed by citizens containing the names of 162 persons. Mr. W. M. Perry, of Rainier, was also present with some resolutions drafted at a meeting held in that town the evening before, the substance of which was a formal protest against the court taking any action in the matter at the present time, but there were no signatures of individuals who opposed the matter. From Auburn precinct was presented a remonstrance containing sixty-five names, making a total of 227 persons in the county opposed to the court proceeding to build a court house.

In connection with this matter let us state that the people of the upper portion of the county presented no petitions whatever. They merely went before the court asking that body to perform a duty, which in every sentence that was uttered by those present was acknowledged to be necessary, the building of a suitable place to transact county business. Had the people of this portion of the county considered it necessary there is no doubt but what petitions containing 400 or 500 names could have been presented, but they considered the members of the court capable body to judge of the county's needs, and let the matter rest at that; merely a number of the citizens appealing to the court to act in the premises.

As we stated in the first few lines of this article, little was done at Tuesday's meeting. That was natural enough. The meeting was not called for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the building. It was merely to present the matter to the court, and that body will do the rest when it gets ready. Very likely the matter will be brought before the court at its next session, which will be early in May, when the public will know definitely what the outcome of the agitation will be.

There were some very important facts brought forward and discussed, all of which tend largely and favorably to the erection of a new court house. While it appeared on the surface of the protests that the building of a court house would involve the county to too great an extent, down in the depths of the arguments could be read the fact that persons interested in other portions of the county desired the matter to be deferred because the building would be put up, as a matter of fact, at the county seat, the only place it could be erected. This is the way the matter appeared to any casual observer, and is without doubt, the very bone and sinew of the whole and entire opposition.

Heretofore we have said very little regarding this matter from the very fact that we always maintain that the fellow who has the bill to foot is the one who should have the voice in the matter, and the heaviest taxpayers in the county are favorable to the erection of a suitable county court house. The non-resident taxpayers must also contribute their share to the improvement, which by the way, is far the greatest share.

But our agitation is not going to settle the matter, and we see but little benefit to be derived by threshing over a lot of worn-out straw. The court must act in the matter, and until such time that it does act the matter stands arrested.

Gatzert is Out Again.

The traveling public will be delighted to know that the steamer Gatzert is in commission again on the Portland-Astoria run. The Gatzert has been off the run for about four months, undergoing a thorough overhauling and repainting and appears again in prim garb of attractive colors, almost an entirely new boat. One attractive feature of her reappearance is her whistle, which, by the way, is the one for so long used by the old Telephone, and its familiar, cheerful sound, vibrating and re-echoing, recalls pleasant recollections of a punctual, reliable carrier. So long and so far as the Gatzert can take the place of her predecessor it is the earnest hope of hundreds of persons along the Columbia that her shadow may never grow less.

Miss Morrow will conduct a Parliamentary entertainment at the open session of the Artisan lodge meeting Friday night at Houlton. She will also furnish one or two musical numbers. Admission 15 cents. Come and have a good time.

Found Mud and Snow.

Assessor White returned on Monday from the lower end of the county, whether he went some time ago in quest of land and personal property valuations. Mr. White declares upon his honor as a resident of Columbia county that he never before found the equal of the mud that now exists throughout the portion of the county he has recently visited. One day last week he found a foot of snow in the vicinity of Flippin's mill, near Clatskanie. Mr. White will visit next week on Sauvie's island and take values. There is some new territory to be looked after by the assessor this year, and Mr. White may be depended upon to do the work thoroughly.

Fenton-Dart Nuptials.

A quiet but very pretty wedding ceremony took place in this city Wednesday at 12 o'clock, when Dr. H. C. Fenton, of Portland, and Miss Marie B. Dart were joined in wedlock at the home of the bride's father. The groom is one of Portland's most prominent physicians, and the bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. James Dart, of this city, a young lady possessing many friends and well wishers. Rev. C. E. Philbrook performed the ceremony, and after a sumptuous luncheon the happy couple departed for Portland, where their future home will be made.

Easter Services.

St. Helens people, too, observed Easter in a fitting manner. The services under the auspices of the Sunday school at the Methodist church in the evening were not only enjoyable, but a credit to the school. The services consisted principally of songs, although a few other features were observed which served to a great extent in pleasing the audience. The remarks by the pastor were appropriate and entertaining, and the services, taken all through, were much to be appreciated.

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